



# **COUNCILMEMBER DONNA FRYE**

*CITY OF SAN DIEGO – SIXTH COUNCIL DISTRICT*

## **Press Release**

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### **Council Committee Votes to Return to Bi-Monthly Schedule for Water & Sewer Billing**

*Frye says change will save ratepayers over half a million dollars annually*

**San Diego, CA-** Yesterday, the City Council's Natural Resources & Culture Committee, chaired by Councilmember Donna Frye, voted unanimously to return to a bi-monthly billing cycle for water and sewer bills.

Frye said that, "Before ratepayers are asked to consider any rate increases, we must first do everything we can to reduce costs and ensure the accuracy of the billing statements. Returning to a bi-monthly billing schedule for our water and sewer bills will save ratepayers over half a million dollars annually and ensure more accurate billing for residents. The change to monthly billing in 2003 was a costly mistake that needs to be corrected immediately."

The city began billing water and sewer customers on a monthly basis in 2003. The change caused approximately \$570,000 in increased costs annually due to additional supplies such as paper and postage. The change to monthly billing also resulted in residents receiving inaccurate water bills, and many experienced being overcharged on a regular basis.

Frye is the Councilmember for the Sixth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Clairemont, Kearny Mesa, Linda Vista, Mission Bay, Mission Valley and Serra Mesa. She has served on the City Council representing District Six since June 2001. She is currently the chair of the City Council's Natural Resources and Culture committee.

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